

ESTIMATE—ARMAMENT OF FORTIFICATIONS, &c.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate for increased appropriations for the armament of fortifications and ordnance, &c.

FEBRUARY 12, 1861.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 11, 1861.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the House of Representatives, a communication from the chief of ordnance, embodying an estimate for increased appropriations for the armament of fortifications and ordnance, ordnance stores and supplies, rendered necessary by recent events.

I have the honor to request that the provisions of the army appropriation act now pending may be amended accordingly.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. HOLT,
Secretary of War.

Hon. WM. PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ORDNANCE OFFICE.

Washington, February 11, 1861.

SIR: In consequence of the seizures that have been made of the United States arsenals in the southern States, with the ordnance stores therein, including gunpowder intended for the service of the fortifications of the Gulf, it has become my duty to request that you will ask of Congress appropriations in addition to what was estimated for by me in November last, viz:

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For armament of fortifications, including the purchase of gunpowder, one hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000.) For ordnance, ordnance stores, and supplies, one hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000.) To be made available from the date of the act.

I am, sir, with great respect, your obedient servant,

H. K. CRAIG,
Colonel of Ordnance.

Hon. J. HOLT,
Secretary of War.